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194. Ryots to be allowed to import tobacco and snuff for their use.

(20) That the ryots might be allowed to import, free of duty, at least half a pound of tobacco and snuff per head:

195. Ryots to be allowed to use teak, &c., duty free.

(21) That the ryots might be allowed to use free of seigniorage teak, blackwood and other royal trees for building their houses:

196. Ryots to be licensed to possess guns.

(22 That the ryots might be licensed to possess guns to protect their person and property from wild animals:

197. Opening cart-roads.

(23) That good cart-roads might be opened—one to each of the three Divisions—Vandamettu, Utumpansola and Santhanpara:

198. Construction of outlet paths.

(24) That an outlet path might be constructed from Utchilikudi Mettu to Pandy:

199. Building anicuts and opening channels.

(25) That anicuts might be built and channels excavated for the use of *Nunja* lands:

200. Bridging rivers.

(26) That the rivers crossing the public paths might be bridged:

201. Opening a dispensary.

(27) That a dispensary might be opened in each of the three Divisions of the Cardamom Hills:

202. Removal of Sub-Registry office from Devikulom.

(28) That the Sub-Registrar's office at Devikulom might be removed to Thevaram mettu for the convenience of the ryots.: and

203. Appointment of educated ryots in Cardamom Department.

(29) That educated and competent ryots might be employed without distinction of caste or religion in the Head and Divisional offices in the Cardamom Department.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

SHERTALLAY TALUK.

204. Erection of bunds and widening of Pulluveli canal.

Mr. Avirah Varki Tharakan requested that, in the interests of agriculture, bunds might be put up at Pênadichira, Pulluveli and Anthakarazhi, and that the Pulluveli canal might be widened and provided with a lock at the entrance. He said that, if the bunds were not put up within a month, water would enter the fields and destroy the crops and that he would execute the work himself, if permitted to do so.

Dewan's reply.—This is a very necessary work. The Peishkar of the Division has addressed Government on the subject. The views of the Chief Engineer will be taken and the matter looked into as early as possible.

205. Metalling road from Alleppey to Arur or opening a Railway.

Mr. Krishnan Karthavu represented the want of good roads in the Shertallay Taluk and the sufferings of the people in having to walk on the loose burning sands which got terribly heated during a good portion of the day, and requested that the road from Alleppey to Arur *via*

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Shertallay might be metalled or a light Railway be opened between those places.

Dewan's reply.—After considering the relative advantages of a road, light Railway and canal, the Chief Engineer is of opinion that a canal is preferable. An estimate is being prepared. The opening of a pathway on one side of the canal will also be considered.

206. *Reduction of tax on cocoanut trees.*

The same member also requested—

that the tax on cocoanut trees in the Taluk might be reduced and brought on a par with that in other Taluks, as the cost and difficulty of cocoanut cultivation was comparatively very great.

Dewan's reply.—This will be considered when the trees are assessed at the settlement.

ETTUMANUR TALUK.

207. *Opening of English and Primary Schools.*

Mr. R. Narayana Pillai requested that an English school at Ettumanur and more Primary schools in the Taluk might be opened.

208. *Opening of Hospital and Vydiasalas.*

The same member also urged—

that a Hospital and more Vydiasalas might be opened in the Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Will be noted.

209. *Improvement of roads and canals.*

The same member further requested—

that all roads and canals in the Taluk might be improved, especially the road running from the Pulluvattam Police Station *via* Kattampakku and joining the Ettumanur-Vaikam road near the Thalayolaparambu market.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered in due course.

CHANGANACHERI TALUK.

210. *Establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanacheri.*

Mr. C. Raghava Menon urged the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanacheri. Some forty years ago, there was a Munsiff's Court at that place, but it was subsequently removed to Ambalapuzha and thence shifted to Shertallay. Changanacheri was then apportioned between the Munsiffs' Courts at Kottayam, Alleppey and Thiruvella. On account of this partition between three Taluks, the people of Changanacheri were being put to much inconvenience and difficulty. He pointed out that the Taluk is over 500 square miles in extent, has one of the biggest markets in Kerala and is in no way inferior to any other Taluk. Considered financially, his proposal would not, he said, result in loss to Government. About one third of the number of cases filed in the three Courts were from Changanacheri, and to cope with the increased

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